## STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF FULTON CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-072**

## RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Fulton ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council are the governing authority of the City of South Fulton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council are charged with the protection of health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of South Fulton; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Council to establish a Neighborhood Watch Program for the City of South Fulton; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Watch Programs are the most effective tools to help reduce crime in communities all throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Watch Programs have virtually no cost to set up and operate throughout the communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Watch Programs create partnerships between the community and law enforcement throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Watch Programs enable law enforcement to have an extra set of "ears and eyes" to report suspicious activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Watch Programs encourage citizens to be accountable for their actions and important stakeholders in the well-being of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Watch Programs allow citizens at home to become designated ambassadors in their neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Watch Programs are great communication tools for the City's citizens and law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Watch Programs are the cornerstone of crime prevention strategy and enlist the active participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in communities all throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, sincere and continuous interaction between the police and the community enhances the quality of life for all residents and deters crime;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. By passage of this resolution, the City of South Fulton Mayor and City Council hereby pursue the establishment of a Citywide Neighborhood Watch Program in coordination with the Fulton County Police and the newly formed City of South Fulton Police Department.

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The foregoing Resolution No. **2017-072**, adopted on **November 28**, **2017**, was offered by Councilmember **Gumbs**, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Baker**, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor Catherine Foster Rowell, Mayor Pro Tem Carmalitha Lizandra Gumbs		
Helen Zenobia Willis	V	
Gertrude Naeema Gilyard	Absent	
Rosie Jackson		
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Mark Baker	V	

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this  $\bf 28^{th}$  day of November 2017. CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA

WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARK MASSEY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOSH BELINFANTE, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY